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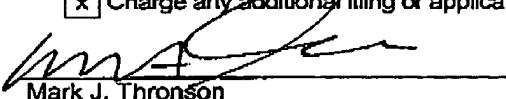
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Application No. 09/722,270	Filing Date November 28, 2000	Examiner Tommy D. Lee	Art Unit 2624		
Applicant(s): Kazunari Tonami et al.					
Invention: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.

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